

## Books

### The Cold War's First Family

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CIA Chief Allen W. Dulles in 1961



John Foster Dulles as a Government envoy, 1951



Sister Eleanor in 1957. John Foster, Margaret, Allen, Eleanor and Nataline, 1900



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It would be too much to call the Dulles family the Kennedys of the Eisenhower years: the rectilinear and Protestant Dulles tribe did not throw each other into swimming pools. But the Dulles family had something of the same proprietary interest in the world and the power that runs it. From the State Department, John Foster Dulles presided over the cold war and the nation's other dealings with the rest of the planet. His sister Eleanor was in charge of the State Department's crucial Berlin desk. Allen Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, controlled a shadow kingdom that raised private armies, deposed Presidents, bribed Kings and generally kept track of the world. The Soviet writer Ilya Ehrenburg once called Allen the "most powerful man in the world" and predicted that if he ever succeeded in getting into heaven, he would

"be found mining the clouds, shooting up the stars and slaughtering the angels." Allen was delighted.

The Dulleses are remembered somewhat grimly: the stern Foster in steel-rimmed glasses, cocking his chin against the Communist threat; Allen, urbane but swallowed by the anonymity of his institution; and Eleanor, out of sight altogether. Biographer Leonard Mosley shows them to be a brood who, for all their Republican orthodoxy, were capable of great spirit and flashes of color.

A grandfather, John Watson Foster, was Secretary of State under Benjamin Harrison. An uncle, Robert M. Lansing, became Woodrow Wilson's Secretary of State. The children, whose father was a New York, enjoyed a vaguely Kennedyesque upbringing that taught them sailing on

Lake Ontario, the endurance of cold morning showers and furiously intense sibling competition. Foster, the eldest of the five children, was the foremost of the group, grave and sententious; he quoted William James at the age of ten. Allen, four years younger, was Byronically romantic and found a place for his temperament in intelligence work.

Mosley has, among other things, assembled a wonderful collection of anecdotes about Allen and the international dacoity that he practiced. In April of 1917, while serving as a duty officer at the American legation in Berne, Allen had a date with a girl and therefore refused to see someone named V.I. Lenin. By next day, Lenin was on his way back to Russia, where he immediately ordered peace negotiations with the Germans to begin. Lenin, who admired Woodrow Wilson, had wanted to establish an American contact.

Allen was a womanizer. When his wife first discovered this, she coolly went to Cartier and charged a large emerald to his account. It was her "compensation," she told Allen, and every time he strayed he would pay a similar price. Mosley does not record how large Mrs. Dulles' jewelry collection became, though Sister Eleanor guesses that "there were at least a hundred women in love with Allen at one time or another."

During World War II, Allen returned to Berne for the OSS. Among others, he recruited Fritz Kolbe, an employee of the Nazi foreign office who delivered plans for the V-2 rocket missiles and minutes of the meetings of Hitler's inner council. When Allen became head of the CIA in 1953, he applied the same stylish inge-

#### Excerpt

At CIA expense the shah was established in Rome with his wife, Soraya, and told to hold himself ready to return to his country. While in Rome, Soraya received a visit from an American gynecologist who had been summoned from the United States by Kim Roosevelt. She had been trying for some time to produce a son and heir for the shah, and had failed to do so... The gynecologist went into a complicated explanation of the fertility cycle, the waywardness of ovaries, and why it was difficult to make eggs drop at the right moment. She must just keep on trying and keep her husband 'interested' in her. 'Doctor,' said Soraya, 'all I'm asking you to do is find something to break my eggs. I'll see the shah goes on making the omelettes.'

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## Names/Faces

### John Foster, Allen and Eleanor

Today a book hitting the stands this side of the ocean may have a few repercussions. Leonard Mosely, author of "Dulles" — it's all about brothers John Foster and Allen and sister Eleanor — manages to discuss the diplomatic family's love lives in college and later. He says that Allen, who later headed the CIA, skipped a meeting with V.I. Lenin because he had a date with a lady that was "a much more serious rendezvous" than the "tennis date" he'd used as the excuse to Lenin. That was in Switzerland as Lenin was leaving for Russia to start the Bolshevik revolution. Later the CIA supplies a gynecologist for former Empress Soraya of Iran in her futile efforts to produce a son for the shah. And later Sir Anthony Eden throws an ink well at someone and gets a wastebasket dumped on his head.